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Banks.

COMPTOIR D'ESCOMPTE DE PARIS.

INCORPORATED BY NATIONAL DECREE OF 7TH AND 8TH MARCH, 1848.

—AND—

BY IMPERIAL DECREE OF 25TH JULY, 1854, AND 31ST DECEMBER, 1866.

Recognized by the INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF 30TH APRIL, 1863.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 80,000,000 8,200,000
RESERVE FUND, 20,000,000 800,000

HEAD OFFICE.—14, Rue Bergère, Paris.
LONDON AGENT.—144, Leadenhall St., E.C.

AGENTS.—At Nantes, Lyons, Marseilles, Brussels, Bombay, Calcutta, St. Denis (Ile de la Réunion), Hongkong, Shanghai and Yokohama.

LONDON BANKERS.—Bank of England, Union Bank of London.

HONGKONG AGENCY.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the monthly minimum balances, and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained at the office.

CHR. DE GUIGNÉ,
Manager.

Offices in Hongkong: Bank Buildings, Queen's Road, Hongkong, May 14, 1875.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars.
RESERVE FUND, 100,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman.—E. R. BEILLON, Esq.
Deputy Chairman.—AD. ANDRE, Esq.
J. F. CORDES, Esq. S. W. POMEROY, Esq.
H. HOPKINS, Esq. F. D. SASSOON, Esq.
A. MOYER, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, JAMES GREIG, Esq.

Shanghai, E. W. CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS.—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:—
For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JAMES GREIG,
Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,
No. 1, Queen's Road East.
Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

TAKASIMA COILLERY.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

FOR SALE.

FRESH Takasima COAL, in lots to suit purchasers. LABOR, Handpicked, Double-sifted at \$8 per Ton. SMALL, at \$6 per Ton.

Apply to
T. G. GLOVER,
No. 7, Queen's Road and at East Point.
Hongkong, December 3, 1875.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I Have this day authorized Mr J. Y. V. SHAW to sign my name per procura-tion.

A. MACG. HEATON.
Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE.

FROM this date and until further notice, Mr G. DE CHAMPEAUX will act, at this Port, as Agent of the above Company.

By Order of the Directors,
C. BERTRAND.
Hongkong, January 29, 1876.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

MR. JAMES GREIG having been granted leave of absence, Mr THOMAS JACKSON will, until further notice, act as Chief Manager of this Corporation.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
JAMES GREIG,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 23, 1876. me8

NOTICE.

THE interest and responsibility of the late Mr SIDNEY DEACON in our Firm, ceased on the 9th September last.

Mr. ALFRED T. DUVAL was admitted a Partner therein on the 1st ultimo.

DEACON & Co.
Canton, February 1, 1876. me7

NOTICE.

WE have Established branches of our Firm at Haiphong and Hanoi. Mr E. CONSTANTIN is authorised to sign by procuration in Tonquin.

LANDSTEIN & Co.
Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

NOTICE.

MR. LEUNG TSUNE KHAH CHU SHUN, lately an employé in the LAM CHING SHIP Co., No. 24, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, has not been employed there this year, and if he goes to any shops to get money, goods, &c., the Undersigned will not be held RESPONSIBLE for any Debts contracted by him. This Notice is given in order to prevent any future disputes.

LEE CHING SHOP.
Hongkong, February 23, 1876. me8

NOTICE.

MR. MEYER ELIAS SASSOON has been admitted a Partner in our Firm from the 1st January ultimo.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.
Hongkong, February 3, 1876. me8

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have entered into Co-partnership from the First day of January, 1876, in the Business of Ship-brokers at this Port, under the style of MORRIS & RAY.

A. G. MORRIS.
E. C. RAY.
Bank Buildings,
Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

Intimations.

RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE Undersigned Banks will close for Public Business at 12 o'clock, Noon, on THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, the 24th, 25th and 26th Instant.

For the "Oriental Bank Corporation,"
GEO. O. SCOTT, Esq., Manager.

For the "Chartered Mercantile Bank of India, London and China,"
H. H. NELSON, Manager.

For the "Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,"
THOMAS FORREST, Esq., Manager.

For the "Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris,"
CHAS. DE GUIGNÉ, Manager.

For the "Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,"
JAMES GREIG, Chief Manager.

For the "National Bank of India, Ltd.,"
R. H. SANDEMAN, Esq., Manager.

Hongkong, February 21, 1876. me26

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the half year ending on 31st December last, at the rate of Six per cent. per annum, say \$3.75 per paid-up share of \$125, is payable on and after FRIDAY, the 18th Instant, at the Offices of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JAMES GREIG,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

Intimations.

In the Goods of CAPTAIN LAWRENCE YOUNG, Deceased.

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE TENDER.

THE GOODWILL, FURNITURE, FIXTURES & STOCK-IN-TRADE of and belonging to the "LONDON INN," No. 126, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

The Sale will be made subject to the consent of the Justices of the Peace being granted to a Transfer of the existing License of the said "LONDON INN" to the purchaser.

A Meeting of Justices will be appointed for the purpose of hearing the application for such License to Transfer.

The Executors do not bind themselves to accept the highest, or any offer.

For further particulars, apply to Messrs STEPHENS & HOLMES, Solicitors, 2 Club Chambers, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 22, 1876. fe29

In the Goods of CAPTAIN LAWRENCE YOUNG, Deceased.

ALL Persons having any CLAIMS against the above Estate are requested to send in Particulars of the same to the Undersigned on or before the 22nd day of April, 1876.

And all Persons being indebted to the said Estate are requested to Pay to the Undersigned their several Debts without delay.

STEPHENS & HOLMES,
Solicitors for the Executors.
2, Club Chambers,
Hongkong, February 22, 1876. sp22

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Office of the Company, Club Chambers, on MONDAY, the 28th February, at 3 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1875, the Report of the Directors; for the election of Directors, and Auditors; also to declare a Dividend.

By Order of the Board,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 12, 1876. fe23

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 29th Instant, both days included.

By Order,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, February 12, 1876. fe29

HOTEL DES COLONIES, SHANGHAI.

LES Propriétaires de l'Hotel des Colonies, ont l'honneur d'informer M. M. les Voyageurs, qu'ils viennent d'annexer à leur restaurant, dont le haute renommée est si bien connue, une nouvelle maison, y attenante, qui leur permet d'offrir des Chambres Splendides réunissant tout le confortable, désirable, Chambres pour familles, Salles de Bains, &c., &c.

Voitures à la disposition de M. M. les Voyageurs. La Salle de Billard et la Salle sont complètement séparés de l'Hotel ce qui est une sécurité pour le bien être des visiteurs.

Les soins les plus minutieux apportés dans tous les services sont une garantie pour M. M. les Voyageurs dont le patronage est Sollicité.

A. SOISSON & Co.,
Propriétaires.
Shanghai, le 10 Février, 1876. me15

Entertainments.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE OF HIS EXCELLENCY SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, K.C.M.G., &c.

THE French "OPERA COMIQUE TROUPE," lately of PARIS, LONDON, ST. PETERSBURG, NEW YORK and SAIDON, "Will have the honour of giving their next Performances, on

This Evening,
February 24th, 1876.

LA ROSE DE ST. FLOUR,
ORCHESSE IN 1 ACT BY OFFENBACH.

Madame Donat will take the part of "Tiorlette" and sing
"La Tirolenne des Cardards."

BARBE BLEUE,
OPERA BOUFFE IN 2 ACTS BY OFFENBACH.

Accompaniment by Mr L'Aunay Céphas, Director.

ADMISSION:—Dress Circle and Stalls, \$2; Bank Seats, \$1. Doors open at 8 o'clock. Performances to commence at 9.

Tickets may be had and seats secured at Messrs. KEENE & Co., also at the door of the Theatre, on the night of Performances.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

THIS Season's American HAMS and BACON in prime condition. Smoked SALMON.

Golden Gate Baker's EXTRA FLOUR in Barrels and Tins.

MACFARLANE, FRICKEL & Co.
Hongkong, February 13, 1876.

AUCTIONS.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

SUBSTANTIAL ENGLISH AND COLONIAL MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, ENGRAVINGS, GLASS-WARE, PLATED-WARE, PIANO, &c., &c., &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from JOHN G. SMITH, Esq., to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 28th day of February, 1876, at Noon, at his residence, "Idle Wild," owing to change of residence,—

The whole of his Substantial English and Colonial-made Household FURNITURE, &c., comprising: Drawing, Dining and Bed Room Suites, Glassware, Plated Ware, Dinner, Dessert and Breakfast Sets, Engravings, Pier Glasses, Gasaliers, Gas Brackets, Carpets, Window Curtains and Cornices, Marble-top Tables, Book Case, Dining Table, Side Board, Whatnots, Chairs, Iron Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Toilet Tables, Washstands and Services, &c., &c.

And,

A Cottage PIANO.

Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer,
Hongkong, Feb. 17, 1876. fe28

FURNITURE SALE.

ELEGANT ENGLISH AND CANTON MADE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, SEMI-GRAND PIANO, PARK PRATON AND PAIR OF PONIES.

A FINE COLLECTION OF FERNS, CAMELLIAS, ROSES, AND OTHER CHOICE PLANTS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 29th February, 1876, at Noon, at "DUART," CAINE ROAD,

The Residence of the Honourable T. C. HAYLLAR, Esq.,—

The whole of his Handsome and Substantially made HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, comprising,—

Handsome Carved EBONY SIDE and CENTRE TABLES, Mahogany Marone Morocco Covered OUCHES and CHAIRS, Covered Bombay Blackwood OUCHES and FLOWER STANDS, Inlaid Ormolu CHEFFONIER, and Japanese CABINETS, Handsome Mantelpiece MIRRORS, OIL PAINTINGS, OREMO-LITHOGRAPHS, ENGRAVINGS, CARPETS, Window Curtains, Gilt Cornices, Gasaliers, Aquariums, Bronze and Porcelain VASES.

Handsome BOOK CASE, Carved SIDEBOARD with MIRROR BACK, Glass and Crocetry Ware, Silver and Electro Plated Table Ware, Whatnots, Chairs, Clocks, Plated Candelsticks.

Handsome GILT BRASS BEDSTEAD with Feather Mattresses, BUREAU with Mirror, Wardrobes, Chest of Drawers, Marble-top Washstand, Toilet Glasses, Cheval Glasses, Iron and Brass Bedsteads, Lamps, &c., &c., &c.

A GRAND PIANO by J. BROADWOOD & SONS, made expressly to stand this Climate.

One 4-wheeled PARK PRATON, by LEMMY, with a pair of WHITE PONIES, and Double Set SILVER MOUNTED HARNESS.

Ladies' & Gentlemen's Sedan CHAIRS, &c., &c., &c.

The Carriages and Ponies, and the Plants will be sold at 4 o'clock.

Catalogues will be issued prior to the Sale, and the Furniture will be on view on MONDAY, the 28th February, 1876.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. The lots, with all faults and errors of description whatsoever, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, Feb. 14, 1876. fe28

Auctions.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Sale Room, Praya, on

FRIDAY,

the 25th February, 1876, at Noon,—

Sauces, Pearl Barley, Tumblers, Padlocks, Sealing Wax, Hearth Rugs, Accordians.

20 piculs Iron Wire.
30 kegs Cut Nails, sizes 1½ to 2½ inch.
10 drums Turpentine.
1 Gasogene Apparatus, complete.
1 Drawing-off Machine for Syphons and Bottles.

30 Syphons with large levers.
Old Tom.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, Feb. 22, 1876. fe25

Shipping.

Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.

The Company's Steamship "MENELEUS" will be despatched on or about the 26th Instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, February 16, 1876. fe26

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Steamship "YESSO," Captain PUNCHARD, will be despatched for the above Ports on SUNDAY, the 27th Instant, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, February 23, 1876. fe27

FOR COOKTOWN.

The British Steamer "MECCA," Captain JOHNSON, will load here for the above Port, and will leave on MONDAY, the 28th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to HOP KEE.

Hongkong, February 23, 1876. fe28

FOR AMOY, TAKAO AND TAMSUI.

The Steamship "LEONOR," Capt. DIAZ, will have immediate despatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, February 22, 1876.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TANAIK," Captain REYNIER, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, February 21, 1876.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TIGRE," Captain BRUNET, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Acting Agent.
Hongkong, February 21, 1876.

STEAM TO YOKOHAMA.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S.S. "MALACCA" will leave for the above place shortly after the arrival of the Teheran with the next English Mail.

A. MOYER,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo at through rates for KAGASAKI & HIOGO.)

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s S.S. "TEHERAN" will leave for the above place about 24 hours after her arrival with the next English Mail.

A. MOYER,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, February 17, 1876.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR MANILA.

The French Steamer "GUNGA," GARGEAU, Master, will be despatched to the above Port on SATURDAY, the 26th Inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.
Hongkong, February 23, 1876. fe26

Sailing Vessels.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A-1 British Clipper-ship "GRYFF," THOS. ROBERTS, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, February 1, 1876.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The A-1 American Ship "LATHLEY RICH," THOS. MITCHEL, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, February 1, 1876.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A-1 American Ship "FAZE," WILKINSON, Master, will load here and at Whampoa, and will have quick despatch as above.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, February 1, 1876.

FOR LONDON.

The A-1 British Ship "SARAH NICHOLSON," 933 Tons Register, Captain SELKIRK, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, February 5, 1876.

FOR PORTLAND (OREGON).

The A-1 American Ship "SAMUEL G. REED," WHITE, Master, will load for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, February 1, 1876.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The American Ship "SUMATRA," MULLIN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have early despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, February 23, 1876. me23

FOR PORTLAND.

The A-1 German Bark "CENTAUR," OFFERSEN, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have immediate despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, February 23, 1876. me23

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.

(Calling at Adelaide if sufficient inducement offers.)

The A-1 British Bark "NOVELTY," LIMMER, Master, will load here for the above Ports, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, January 7, 1876.

FOR HAMBURG.

For Sale.

CLEARANCE SALE.

SAYLE & Co. will offer, on and after TUESDAY Next, the 18th Instant, the remainder of their Winter Stock at Greatly Reduced Prices, consisting of:—

Winter Costumes and Polonaises.
Ladies' Jackets and Mantillas.
Fancy Dress materials of all kinds.
Wool Plaids and Flannels.
Silks and Poplins.
Wool Shawls and Cloaks.
Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats and Bonnets.
Fancy Wool Goods.
Lace and Linen Sets.
Scarves and Sashes.
Boys' Suits.
Children's Dresses.

&c., &c., &c.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

FOR SALE.

THE UNDERMENTIONED LAND AND BUILDINGS.

AT HONGKONG:—

INLAND LOT 22.—The well-known House and Offices lately occupied by Messrs A. Heard & Co., adjoining the Cathedral Compound.

The Ground below the masonry retaining wall of the above, abutting on the Queen's Road.

Annual Crown rent, \$380.48.

MARINE LOT 11, WANGSAL.—First-class and extensive Godowns.

Annual Crown rent, \$324.

INLAND LOT 591.—Situated on the Bonham Road and one of the finest sites for Villa residences in the Colony.

Annual Crown rent, \$78.78.

FARM LOT 17, POOKPOOCH, adjoining Messrs Butterfield & Swire's premises.

Annual Crown rent, \$25.

AT KOWLOONG:—

MARINE LOT 4.—With a frontage of 100 feet on the Praya, and with an area of 80,000 feet.

Reduced Annual Crown rent, \$10.

AT YOKOHAMA:—

LOTS No. 6 AND No. 27 in the Foreign Settlement.

No. 6 is situated on the Bund, and comprises an eight-roomed Dwelling House, detached, with Garden all round, Offices, Godowns, Servants' Quarters and Outhouses. Area, 1,064 Tanbos of 38 square feet.

Annual Ground rent, \$263.78.

No. 27 is separated from No. 6 by Water Street and comprises large Tea Firing and other Godowns, Floor Silk Press, Commodore's Quarters, Stabling and Fire Engine House. Area, 554 Tanbos.

Ground rent, \$154.97 per annum.

Applications for purchase, or further information, to be made to

J. WHITTALL,
T. G. LINSTED,
Trustees of A. Heard & Co.'s Estate,
23, Queen's Road, Hongkong.
Hongkong, February 1, 1876.

Intimations.

NOTICE IN EXPLANATION OF A SLANDER.

THE principles of right or wrong will reveal themselves in course of time, and this saying is clearly set forth in the History of China. When undue reliance is placed on statements by word of mouth, a good argument is always wanting, and this is what the Book of Changes has always guarded people against. If a man is not guilty of anything seriously wrong, is it likely that he will submit himself to be killed?

With regard to Lai Ming Chun, he is indeed a bare-faced fellow, and one who has no regard for anything. On the 27th day of the 10th Moon last year (24th November 1875), he slandered Messrs. Tangshun Yee and Woo Lin Tak by falsely accusing them of selling people for the purposes of emigration, and that in their transactions they were in fact kidnappers. And finally, he recorded the same in the *Tsun Wan Yat Po* (The Universal Circulating Herald), so that Messrs Tang and Woo have thought of suing him before the local authorities, so that he might be punished for libelling people's character. Fortunately for him, however, Lai Ming Chun is not in time of his own wrong in slandering the character of good men, and now he has voluntarily consented to pay the penalty of bearing the legal expenses in the sum of \$800, and to pay also (into the post box) \$25, for the relief of the Hongkong poor; also, from his own funds, to pay the costs of inserting in the Chinese and foreign newspapers, three of each, for the period of one month, an article in order to redeem himself from what he has been guilty of. But this, nevertheless, would not actually be sufficient to cover the enormity of his sin. The reason why Messrs Tang and Woo consented to these terms was because they had been advised by intimate friends, who urged that, inasmuch as both parties were Chinese, how could they Messrs Tang and Woo, have the heart to see him (Lai Ming Chun) put in a gal of the foreigner? So that it would be far better that they should forgive him, but inflict a small penalty by way of a small warning.

It so happened, luckily, that Messrs Tang and Woo's magnanimity proved to be as expansive as the sea and as capacious as the ocean, and it was thus that this matter was put an end to. This is a

clever to show that Messrs Tang and Shun are peaceful and quiet men, and that they have done a very good act. But Lai Ming Chun is a man who is very much addicted (lit. the night path), and one who is greatly dilates in satire and railing. He began life in a very mean position, and is not of a respectable family (lit. the descendant of the pure and white). While in a mean position, he, moreover, offends his superiors. Therefore it would not be arbitrary were he to be banished beyond the frontiers, nor would it be too much were he to be put to the sword (lit. under the axe). Now that he is only fined in so small a sum, it is indeed his good fortune that he has escaped greater consequences.

ONE WHO UPHOLDS JUSTICE.

Hongkong, 19th Feb., 1876. mcl9

* This has reference to a Chinese story, which, in its moral, is very similar to the Frog and Bull story in *Æsop's Fables*.—Translator.

NOTICE.

A MAN'S character should be judged from what it has been before, and by that means elegance or worthlessness can be discerned. A story should be judged by its true or false bearings, so that right and wrong may be distinguished. These remarks apply to the case in which Messrs Tang Shun Yee and Woo Lin Tak were, on the 27th day of the 10th moon last year (24th November 1875), slandered by Lai Ming Chun.

Messrs Tang Shun Yee and Woo Lin Tak have been residing for more than ten years in Hongkong and have always been employed in representing Nam Pak Hong in their transactions with foreigners. While their character stands high, their conduct is excellent, and they have for a long time been respected by both Chinese and foreigners. They have not only not borne a name that is approaching to anything improper, but they have not in the course of all their actions done anything objectionable. Unexpectedly, however, slander came upon them unawares, but of course, when virtue stands high, reproach will come. They were therefore falsely charged by Lai Ming Chun's letter, which was void of all truth, with selling people for emigration abroad. They are indeed labouring under a false imputation from which it is now difficult for them to clear themselves. Our office, therefore, in publishing Lai Ming Chun for having done what he ought not to have done, orders him—and he consents—to pay the sum of \$800, the amount of legal expenses; he has also by way of punishment to pay \$25 into the Poor Box for the benefit of the Hongkong Poor. He is further punished by having to pay the expenses of advertising in the Chinese and foreign newspapers in the Colony, three of each, for the period of one month, a notice which will bring before the public his sin in this defamation. Reparations like these will, perhaps, allay in a measure the indignation which Messrs Tang and Woo feel.

When a man finds fault with others he ought in the first instance to enquire whether he himself is unblemished. Now Lai Ming Chun, as a man, is not one who is numbered among the gentry, nor is his name pronounced by the lips of the illustrious. Yet he falsely dilates in slanderous language and spreads diffidence by word of mouth stories to the detriment and pollution of the good name of Messrs Tang and Woo. It was right therefore that Messrs Tang and Woo sought to sue him in the Courts of Justice, and he was on the eve of being punished by the utmost penalty of the law. Fortunately, however, Messrs Tang and Woo's magnanimity is expansive as the sea and as capacious as the ocean, and they deal with people liberally; with that end in view, they therefore prefer, instead of punishing him, as he rightly deserves, to forgive him of the enormous crime of which he has been guilty. Having ceased litigation now, they have no resentment against any one, and by so doing, they cherish the friendly tie that exists amongst the Chinese clans. They have also shown that in doing this they are inflicting a lenient punishment for the sake of a great warning. They are indeed fully sustaining the benevolent principles of the great men, and for this act of theirs, may the happiness (or good fortune) of Messrs Tang and Woo never grow less.

THE UNIVERSAL CIRCULATING HERALD (TSUN WAN YAT PO).

Hongkong, February 19, 1876. mcl9

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE.

TO CONSIGNEES OF OPTIONAL CARGO, EX O.S.S. CO.'S S.S. STENTOR, FROM LIVERPOOL.

SHIPPING Orders must be obtained from the Underigned not later than the 26th Inst., for shipment per S.S. *Diomed*, BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, February 16, 1876. mcl9

BRITISH BARK MARINA, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Underigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

AKHNOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 4, 1876.

To-day's Advertisements.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for HANKOW, NINGPO & PORTS IN JAPAN.

The Company's Steamship "*DIOMED*" will be despatched on SATURDAY, the 26th Instant, at 11 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, February 24, 1876. mcl9

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 23, *Esmeralda*, Germ. barque, 788, Hansen, Cardiff Oct. 14, Coal.—MALCOLM & Co.

Feb. 24, *Leonor*, Spanish steamer, 408, Diaz, Takao Feb. 23, General.—DOUGLAS LAFFRAK & Co.

Feb. 24, *Arratoon*, Brit. steamer, 959, Robert Cass, Saigon Feb. 19, Rice.—SIEMSEN & Co.

Feb. 24, *Diomed*, British steamer, 1214, Jackson, Liverpool via Ports of Call, and Singapore Feb. 16, General.—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

DEPARTURES.

Feb. 24, *Fuyeh*, for Shanghai.

24, *Ane Minerva*, for Saigon.

24, *Djennah*, for Marseilles.

CLEARED.

Fu Sheng, for Foochow.

Criterion, for Manila.

Lochiel, for Tientsin.

Rajah, for Swatow.

Canaan, for Manila.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.—Per *Diomed*, 1 European and 480 Chinese.

DEPARTED.—Per *Djennah*, for Saigon, Sisters Candide and St. Lizaer, and 3 Chinese. For Singapore, Mr H. R. Dawson, and 2 Chinese. For Naples, Mr and Mrs Hayllar. For Marseilles, Messrs J. W. Danielson and Morison.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Spanish steamer *Leonor* reports: fresh monsoon throughout.

The German barque *Esmeralda* reports: fine weather throughout.

The British str. *Arratoon* reports: left Cape St. James 19th, experienced fine weather and moderate monsoon to the Paracels, from thence to port strong N.E. gales and heavy head sea; passed the bark *Cap Horn* off the Paracels.

The British steamer *Diomed* reports: up to Sunday 20th moderate head winds and clear weather, then to port strong N.E. winds and dark cloudy weather. Passed a Russian man-of-war off Pulo Sapata, and the Brit. str. *Cheops* yesterday.

CARGO.

Per *Djennah*, for Marseilles, 505 bales SILK, 25 cases SILK, 6 bales Cocoons, 27 bales Waste SILK, 50 half-chests Tea, 866 cases Sundries. For London, 888 bales SILK, 9 cases SILK, 149 half-chests Tea, 90 cases Essential Oil, 49 cases Sundries, 6 cases (5,152 oz.) Gold, 1 case (\$17,640) Treasure.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS WILL CLOSE:—

FOR YOKOHAMA & HIOGO.—

Per *COLUMBIAN*, at 9.30 a.m. Friday, the 26th Instant, instead of as previously notified.

For ILOILO.—

Per Barque *CHRISTINE*, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 26th Inst.

For SHANGHAI.—

Per *DIOMED*, at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday, the 26th Inst.

For MANILA.—

Per *GUNGA*, at 10.30 a.m. on Saturday, the 26th Inst.

For MANILA.—

Per Ship *AMERICA*, at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, the 26th Instant.

For COOKTOWN & SYDNEY.—

Per *LYEEMOON*, at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, the 26th Instant.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.—

Per *YESSO*, at noon on Saturday, the 26th Instant.

For BANGKOK.—

Per *RAJANATTIANUHAR*, at noon on Saturday, the 26th Inst.

For COOKTOWN.—

Per *MEUCA*, at 1.30 p.m. on Monday, the 28th Instant.

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.

The United States Mail Packet *OCEANIC*, will be despatched on WEDNESDAY, the 1st March, at 3 p.m. with the Mails.

For Yokohama, San Francisco, the United States and the United Kingdom.

The Post Office will be open for the reception of Ordinary Letters, Books, Newspapers, &c., until 2.30 p.m.

Letters can be posted on board the Packet from 2.30 p.m. to 2.50 p.m. on payment of a Late Fee of 15 cents in addition to the Postage.

The prepayment of the Postage to all the above places by this route is compulsory.

Correspondence insufficiently prepaid will be forwarded by the English Packets.

Correspondence addressed to Yokohama, and the United States must be superscribed per *Oceanic*, and that addressed to the United Kingdom must be superscribed "*44* San Francisco."

ALFRED LISTER, Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, Feb. 17, 1876. ml

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Packet *GOLDONDA*, will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY, the 2nd March.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—

5 p.m.: Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m.: Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 2nd March.

7 a.m.: Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m.: Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m.: Letters may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 15 cents to extra Postage.

11 a.m.: which the Post Office Closes entirely.

11.30 a.m.: Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi or to Singapore may be posted on board the Packet on payment of a Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage.

11.50 a.m.: Posting on Board ceases.

ALFRED LISTER, Postmaster General.

General Post Office, Hongkong, Feb. 18, 1876. mcl9

General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, Feb. 25:—

11 a.m.—*Diomed* leaves for Shanghai.

Noon.—Local Banks close for public business.

Noon.—*Gunga* leaves for Manila.

Menelaus leaves for London on or about this date.

Shipping Orders regarding Optional Cargo ex *Stentor* for shipment per *Diomed* must be obtained from the Agents not later than this date.

Races.—Third Day.

SUNDAY, Feb. 27:—

Daylight.—*Yess* leaves for Swatow, Amoy and Foochow.

MONDAY, Feb. 28:—

Noon.—Sale of Household Furniture, at *Idle Wild*.

2 p.m.—*Mecca* leaves for Coctown.

3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Limited, at Club Chambers.

Claims against the Estate of George Barty Falconer, deceased, must be sent in on or before this date.

TUESDAY, Feb. 29:—

Noon.—Sale of Household Furniture, at "*Duart*," at Calne Road.

WEDNESDAY, March 1:—

3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer *Oceanic* leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

THURSDAY, March 2:—

Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

WEDNESDAY, March 15:—

3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

SATURDAY, April 1:—

Warrants against unclaimed Dividends, Bonus or Interests on Victoria Fire Insurance Co., to be presented before this date.

SATURDAY, April 22:—

Claims against the Estate of Captain Lawrence Young, deceased, must be sent in on or before this date.

FRIDAY, June 30:—

Claims against the Estate of Dietherich Helmsolt, Quering Antonio Gutierrez, Martin Carroll, Dora Howard, and Henry Roberts, deceased, must be proved on or before this date.

MONDAY, July 31:—

Claims against the Estates of Gustav Töbler, Edward Parker, Edward Rikhard Handley, Kwong Tsang, Lam Kok Cheong, Lee Ah Yon, Leung Sew Fan, Man Chan, and a Chinaman, name unknown, No. 11, deceased, must be proved on or before this date.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Auctions.

Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.

Miscellaneous.

Noon.—Local Banks close for public business.

Races.—Second Day.

TO ADVERTISERS.

It is requested that all advertisements be sent, when practicable, by 4 p.m., to allow of the early issue of the paper.

The publication of this issue commenced at 7.30 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, FEB. 24, 1876.

THE SPIRIT OF THE MORNING PRESS.

THE Press notices the great influx of beggars from Canton, their numbers having become a nuisance which calls for strong repression. Fines seem useless, and it is to be feared that many of the class in question support themselves by theft; the marine storekeepers acting as resters. These mischief-making wanderers should be closely watched, and means should be adopted to reduce their numbers.—The reverses just met with by the Imperial troops in Formosa should, says the Press, induce the Chinese Government to make them efficient by engaging competent instructors. A vast amount of treasure has been squandered in making impregnable fortifications, but the men to defend them are still wanting.—The fact that the recommendations of the new Governor of Manchuria in reference to the reorganization of that portion of the empire have been accepted at Peking is, observes the Press, instructive. The Manchus, after having conquered the Chinese, are now being peacefully amalgamated with the latter. Another century will in all probability wipe out all traces of Manchu domination.

THE HONGKONG NATIVE PRESS.

The *Chinese Mail* in noticing the discussion of the Queen's Title Bill in Parliament, recalls to mind the old saying "What is in a name?" It comments on the *Anna* affair and likens it to the claim of Mr Mundy in reference to the *Spark* affair, unless it can be shown that the Chinese authorities connived at the occurrence. It notices the great influx of visitors to the City Hall Museum.

Chung Ngai San Po (the Chinese issue of the *Daily Press*) brings to light one instance of connivance of some officials in the carrying on of gambling at Canton. It reviews favourably the first issue of the Chinese Scientific Magazine by Mr John Fryer, of Shanghai.

The *Universal Circulating Herald*, advertising to the renowned Japanese new loan, says Japan looks strong outwardly, but is "dry" inwardly, i.e., internally poor. It has an article on the *Chaochen* tree.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Legislative Council will meet on Monday, the 28th February, at 2.30 p.m.

We observe that an artificial rink is suggested in Singapore. The "wink" movement appears to be "catching," though nothing seems to have been done in Hongkong. The vacant piece of ground between Government Offices and the old Volunteer Guard House has been spoken of as a suitable site for a rink.

We observe that steps are being taken to construct a trottoir or pavement on the South side of that part of the Queen's Road commencing at the Ice House and ending at the Parade Ground. This, if the width of the carriage path is preserved, will be a great improvement. The drains opposite Wardley House are also being repaired.

The only case of any note before the magistrate to-day was a charge against a bumboatman for selling spirituous liquors to some of the crew on board the ship *Sir Harry Parkes*. The man was fined \$100, in default three months' hard labour, and his boat to be put in two. The other case of any interest was a charge against George Turk, a fireman on board the S. S. *Abdott*, for carnivorously biting one Alexander Gordon, a fellow fireman on board; on the eye-brows and mouth, biting pieces of flesh clean out. The defendant, who only pleaded drunkenness, was sent to six months' hard labour.

RETURN of Visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending 23rd February, 1876:—

	European.	Chinese.
Thursday, Feb. 17th,	43	37
Friday, 18th,	28	16
Saturday, 19th,	41	15
Sunday, 20th,	91	140
Monday, 21st,	30	715
Tuesday, 22nd,	42	725
Wednesday, 23rd,	24	4550
Total	286	6864
Grand total, 6900.		

Messrs HEBBES & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report, dated Pagoda Anchorage, 19th February, gives the following:—

Arrivals During the Week.—Feb. 14, Taku, from Shanghai; 18, Yesso, from Hongkong; 17, Fel Ho, from Amoy.

Departures During the Week.—Feb. 18, Douglas, for Hongkong; 15, Charlie Palmer, for Amoy; 17, Taku, for Shanghai.

Shipping in Port.—Midge, Marie Haydon, Chun Sheng, Yesso, Fel Ho.

In Singapore a Chinaman met his death by means of a violent knock against a gharry-horse. The horse had been frightened by the firing of crackers, and was rushing furiously along the street. A verdict of "accidental death" was returned at the inquest, and the Jury added the following special finding:—"We unanimously agree that the primary cause of this accident was the firing of crackers by the Chinese, and we request that the Governor, so far as the matter of the notice of the Governor, so that such measures as may be necessary will be taken to further limit this privilege which is granted to the Chinese inhabitants of Singapore, but which, we have reason to believe, is not allowed in any other British Colony."

The native authorities have, we understand, received information of another surprise and massacre of Imperial troops in Formosa. The Aborigines attacked a Camp near Tai-Wan-fu containing about 500 men—of whom not more than one half are said to have escaped, the remainder having been either killed by the enemy or drowned in attempting to cross the numerous creeks in the neighbourhood.

A paper hunt, on foot, came off on Friday afternoon, the 17th Instant. The hare started from the Club-house at 2.15 p.m. punctually, and the hounds followed at about 3.30 p.m. After a slow run of about 5 miles, the "hare" succeeded in running into cover—the "hounds" following about 5 minutes too late. The naval brigade tried hard to achieve a victory, but it must be borne in mind that, like true defenders of their country, they have not yet learnt to run.

We are in a position to state positively that the Mr John Forster referred to in Reuter's obituary notice of the 2nd instant was, as we surmised, the famous writer &c., of that name. Mr Forster of Foochow was, we are glad to say, in good health on the 8th instant—his Agents at this port having received a telegram from him to that effect. The mistake arose in the first instance at Hongkong, through a misconception on the part of Reuter's Agent.

We note, with pleasure, that an effort is being made by the foreign hong to resist the arbitrary demands of the coolies engaged in preparing tea packages for shipment. It may be within the recollection of our readers that great inconvenience was caused to several foreign firms at the commencement of the last shipping season by the sudden and unexpected refusal of a section of these men to work unless they were paid at about double the usual rate of remuneration. The foreign hong in question at first, we believe, refused to accede to the demands of the coolies and endeavoured to meet the difficulty by engaging men elsewhere; whereupon the coolies, on strike, absolutely restrained men not belonging to the guild from working within their district. Under these circumstances, many shippers had no other alternative than to comply with the extortionate request of the men until such time as the matter could be properly represented to the Chinese Authorities. With a full knowledge of the fact that the Mandarinism is always delighted to listen to the just complaints of foreign businessmen, we would urge that the mercantile community cannot do better than take up this matter in earnest, and by a determined combination checkmate the cunningly devised plans of the guild. The coolies have, of course, an unquestionable right to put whatever price they may think proper on their labour; but when they proceed, in the fashion of some of their brethren in the Far West, to practice intimidation on those willing to work for more moderate terms, it is undoubtedly time for employers to counterplot.

Heroes may well experience, if not unalloyed joy, yet a legitimate elation on revisiting the scenes of their exploits, especially if the fruits of their victories are obvious moral and material gains to both parties to a struggle. A similar satisfaction, we may imagine, was felt by Sir Harry Parkes on revisiting Canton,—the past week,—after an interval of fourteen years; and were there nothing but the marvel of Shamen,—a pearl fished up from a pool of eddying mud and set in encircling emeralds,—to embellish his eulogy, he might

SUPPLEMENT
TO THE
CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY, 1876.

Merchant Vessels in Harbour.

Exclusive of Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

VESSEL'S NAME.	CAPTAIN.	FLAG AND REG.	TONS.	DATE OF ARRIVAL.	CONSIGNEES OR AGENTS.	DESTINATION.
HONGKONG						
Steamers						
Abbotsford	Patterson	Brit.	649	feb.	19 Jardine, Matheson and Co.	
Adria	Breeze	Brit.	731	feb.	22 P. & O. S. N. Co.	
Bracegirdle	Marshall	Brit.	1225	feb.	20 Adamson, Bell and Co.	
Candler Castle	Craig	Brit.	1419	feb.	20 Adamson, Bell and Co.	
Cheviot	Watt	Brit.	783	feb.	22 Yuen Fat Hong	
Columbian	Harvey	Brit.	1417	jan.	22 P. & O. S. N. Co.	In dock Kowloon
Crocus	Joy	Brit.	1230	feb.	22 Wm. Pustan and Co.	
Djemnah	Flambeau	Foh.	2416	feb.	21 Messageries Maritimes	Marseilles, &c.
Fusheng	Cotton	Brit.	62	feb.	18 For Chinese	Poochow
Fuyow	Crook	Chl.	220	feb.	23 C. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai
Gloria	Ryall	Brit.	1225	feb.	17 Jardine, Matheson and Co.	
Gunga	Garreau	Foh.	797	feb.	21 Remedice and Co.	Manila
Lotus	Gray	Brit.	1407	jan.	25 D. Sassoon, Sons and Co.	San Francisco
Ly-ee-moon	Stevens	Brit.	611	feb.	19 Landstein and Co.	Cooktown, Sney
Madagor	Granger	Brit.	1413	feb.	5 Jardine, Matheson and Co.	
Maharajah	Stephenson	Brit.	694	feb.	20 Siemssen and Co.	Bangkok
Malacca	Bernard	Brit.	1500	feb.	18 P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama
Messia	Johnson	Brit.	687	feb.	17 Hop Keng	Siagon
Oceanic	Parsell	Brit.	4000	feb.	16 O. and O. S. S. Co.	San Francisco
Pawtuxet	Hansen	Amer.	280	June	18 Angurine Heard and Co.	Lois up
Rajah	Hopkins	Brit.	833	feb.	21 Hop King	Singapore
Rajasthanhar	Reynier	Brit.	1150	feb.	21 Messageries Maritimes	Yokohama
Tanna	Funchard	Brit.	259	feb.	23 Douglas, Lapsley and Co.	East Coast
Yesso		Brit.	634	June	9 Kwaik Achung	Reaping
Sailing Vessels						
Albatross	Koppelman	Ger.	877	Feb.	16 Melchers and Co.	
America	Holds	Ger.	1219	Dec.	28 Siemssen and Co.	
Asia Minor	Gaurier	Foh.	831	Feb.	4 Landstein and Co.	Siagon
August	Ries	Brit.	274	Feb.	20 Edward Schellhass and Co.	
August Friedrich	Nielsen	Ger.	420	Feb.	10 Siemssen and Co.	
Boreal	Beaujean	Foh.	678	Jan.	28 Order	on ship Rangoon
Canaan	Manoon	Brit.	840	Jan.	28 Borneo Company	
Caroline Magnus	Miles	Brit.	478	Feb.	20 Wier and Co.	Manila
Carrioka	Carr	Brit.	916	Feb.	14 Melchers and Co.	
Centaur	Offerson	Ger.	468	Jan.	13 Wm. Pustan and Co.	
Charité	Herré	Foh.	255	Feb.	21 Godelowitz and Co.	Tientsin
Charles Oak	Smith	Amer.	883	Nov.	11 Jardine, Matheson and Co.	
Christina A. P.	Federico	Amer.	178	Jan.	8 Order	Reaping
Christine	Wildfang	Ger.	541	Feb.	2 Siemssen and Co.	
Columbo	Heuer	Brit.	834	Feb.	2 Captain Sandt	
Columbia	Solava	Brit.	684	Jan.	20 Russell and Co.	
Criton	Lull	Amer.	1846	Jan.	9 Russell and Co.	Manila
Emma	Graeco	Ger.	840	Feb.	20 Wm. Pustan and Co.	
Felix	Christiansen	Brit.	318	Jan.	20 Edward Schellhass and Co.	Tientsin
Ferdinand	Holles	Ger.	416	Feb.	28 Melchers and Co.	
Flying Eagle	Crookwell	Amer.	1004	Dec.	20 Fraser and Co.	
Flying	Hilfshand	Brit.	146	Dec.	18 Fraser and Co.	Siagon
Gardali	Noyes	Amer.	670	Dec.	17 Rosario and Co.	Portland
Gryfe	Roberts	Brit.	1088	Dec.	28 Vogel, Hagedorn and Co.	San Francisco
Halia	Gly	Brit.	877	Jan.	27 Order	
Hannam	Wallis	Ger.	408	Feb.	10 Siemssen and Co.	
Hase	Wilkinson	Amer.	684	Nov.	28 Vogel, Hagedorn and Co.	New York
Hermann	Cassell	Ger.	325	Jan.	30 Siemssen and Co.	
Humboldt	Szwar	Ger.	330	Feb.	17 E. Schellhass and Co.	
Ile	Bannan	Ger.	856	Feb.	8 Siemssen and Co.	
Iles of the South	Le Gonteur	Brit.	821	Feb.	14 P. M. S. S. Co.	
James Wilson	Prudoux	Brit.	338	Feb.	19 Godelowitz and Co.	
James Watson	McPherson	Brit.	688	Feb.	19 Godelowitz and Co.	Macao
Kam Shun Tye	Ayuen	Siam.	180	Jan.	18 Wo Tye Hong	
Kate Tatham	McKersey	Brit.	275	Feb.	20 Godelowitz and Co.	Choofo & T'ian
Kirkland	College	Brit.	455	Feb.	20 Landstein and Co.	
Koror	Grove	Dan.	317	Feb.	19 Arnold, Karberg and Co.	
Lathley Rich	Lewis	Amer.	1827	Feb.	21 Vogel, Hagedorn and Co.	San Francisco
Lea	Smarching	Aust.	908	Jan.	20 Arnold, Karberg and Co.	
Lechid	Ewan	Brit.	216	Feb.	20 Edward Schellhass and Co.	Tientsin
Lord Macduff	McDonald	Brit.	527	Jan.	28 Borneo Company	
Louisa	Schierloh	Ger.	245	Jan.	4 Edward Schellhass and Co.	
Lucky	Michaelson	Brit.	494	Jan.	14 Siemssen and Co.	
Martina	Joss	Brit.	688	Feb.	19 Arnold, Karberg and Co.	
Metis	Kent	Amer.	626	Jan.	16 Oliphant and Co.	
Nahor	Fransosovich	Aust.	740	Jan.	19 E. Klee	
Neutilus	Bloeker	Brit.	232	Feb.	18 Edward Schellhass and Co.	
Nicoline	Ahlmann	Ger.	320	Feb.	14 Arnold, Karberg and Co.	
Prosperity	Moller	Siam.	474	Feb.	9 Yuen Fat Hong	
Samuel G. Reed	White	Amer.	650	Dec.	18 Vogel, Hagedorn and Co.	
Sarah Nicholson	Belkirk	Brit.	328	Jan.	21 Vogel, Hagedorn and Co.	London
Siamese Crown	Saxtorph	Siam.	640	Jan.	8 Tak Mee	
Sir Harry Parkes	Chapman	Brit.	815	Feb.	21 Melchers and Co.	
Sir William Wallace	Colville	Brit.	365	Feb.	7 Order	
Spirit of the Age	Johnson	Brit.	347	Jan.	26 Rosario and Co.	Mal. & Sydney
Sumatra	Mullin	Amer.	1078	May	18 Fraser and Co.	
Taunton	Clark	Brit.	686	Feb.	14 Siemssen and Co.	
Vesta	Dicks	Brit.	802	Jan.	27 Melchers and Co.	
Victor	Sorensen	Norw.	247	Jan.	22 Edward Schellhass and Co.	Tientsin
Victory	Whiting	Brit.	285	Feb.	20 Order	
Zoroya	Scarlett	Brit.	358	Feb.	14 Order	
WHAMPOA						
Anna	Jessen	Ger.	448	Feb.	18 Wm. Pustan and Co.	
Auguste	Bunk	Ger.	280	Feb.	27 Order	
Wega	Mahl	Ger.	895	Jan.	28 Siemssen and Co.	Hamburg
CANTON						
Yangtze	Schultze	Brit.	783	Feb.	23 Siemssen and Co.	Shanghai

Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour.

NAME.	FLAG.	RIG.	TONS.	CREW.	W.P.	COMMANDER.
Egeria	British	gun vessel	727	4	120	Castle
Flamer (late Opossum)	British	aux. naval hospital	452	4	100	D. M. Inap. Gen. Morgan
Frolic	British	gun vessel	452	4	100	O. E. Buckle
Ling Fung	Chinese	gunboat	295	4	60	Cooker
Meosquito	British	gun boat	295	4	60	B. H. Paul
Victor Emanuel	British	Commander's flag ship	887	2	350	Commodore Pariah
Vigilant	British	despatch vessel	650	2	350	H. C. D. Eyder
Vandalik	Russian	corvette	1069	Novoskiy

FOOCHOW SHIPPING IN PORT.

Feb. 19, 1876.

Chun Sheng	British steamer
Fei-ho	Chinese gunboat
Midge	British gunboat
Marie Heydorn	for Newchwang
*Yesso	for Hongkong

SHANGHAI SHIPPING IN HARBOUR.

Feb. 17, 1876.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.	
Aden	Chinese
Appin	British
Atalanta	German
Chihli	American
Crocus	British
*Djemnah	French
Europe	British
Fire Queen	American
Fung Shun	Chinese
Fuyama	American
Fyehow	American
Golconda	British
Haining	British
Hankow	British
Hanyang	British
H. G. Orsted	Danish
Howsang	Chinese
Hupei	American
Lee Hong	Chinese
Menclana	British
Millet	American
Nagoya Maru	Japanese
Pacoting	American
Pan-tah	Chinese
Peiho	French
Peking	British
Plymouth Rock	American
Shantung	American
Shingking	American
Stentor	British
Szechuan	American
Tunsin	British
*Yangtze	British
Yehsin	Chinese
Yungling	Chinese

MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.

Adele	American schooner
Albert Victor	British barque
Alma	American barque
Almatia	American schooner
Benedicta	German schooner
Benjamin Aymer	American barque
Bonita	British schooner
Ceres	British barque
Charley	British barque
Chingtah	Chinese barque
Eagle	British barque
Elliot	British brig
Gesiena	Dutch schooner
James S. Stone	American barque
Lady Elizabeth	British barque
Leucadia	for London
Lulu	American schooner
Lunar	British brig
Mantura	British barque
Mary Whitridge	for New York
Noemi	French barque
Oceanus	German brig
Omba	British ship
Parana	French brig
Queen of India	British barque
Rosita McNeil	American barque
Rowena	British schooner
Sydonham	British ship
Titanis	for New York
Tokatea	British ship
Vesta	American brig
Wagrien	German schooner
Warden Appleby	British brig
W. G. Patton	American schooner
Yarra	British barque
Zohrab	German barque

MEN-OF-WAR.

Ashuelot	American corvette
Kearsarge	American corvette
La Clochetaire	French corvette
Monocacy	American corvette
Palos	American gunboat
Tennessee	American corvette
Thalia	British corvette
Yantic	American gun vessel

* Since left port, or arrived at Hongkong.

SHANGHAI.

(Courier & Gazette.)

The great feature of the past week, (ending Feb. 17) commercially, is the sudden fall in exchange which has upset the calculations of the most wary. The loss of Importers upon the large settlements of Pine Goods made before China New-Year for delivery now, is enormous; we hear of one instance alone in which the difference in the rate entails a deficiency of £2000 in the remittances now going forward. At the beginning of the year the rate for six months' Bank paper stood at 5s. 7½d.; at the beginning of this week the rate was 5s. 6d. a fall of 4 per cent. On the first of January 1875 the rate was 5s. 9d., and it has, as is well known, been falling steadily ever since 1870, at the beginning of which year the rate was 6s. 0d. The highest rate known of late years was 7s. 0d., a figure which was maintained during two months only, those of 19th Sept. and 7th October 1864. Ten years ago, on the 21st February 1866, the Bank rate, 6 months' sight, was 5s. 6d., then each tall remitted home from China produced exactly 1s. less in London than it did ten years back, being a fall of 18½ per cent. The change is a serious one for all having business with or property in the East and the question people are now asking themselves is: Where is the going to stop? With big bonanzas and Nevada mines, where silver is almost being pumped up from exhausted deposits, while on the other hand every country in the civilized world is trying to demonstrate it, this drop in its value is clearly enough explained and might have been as easily foreseen. But to answer our question: *The fall will cease as soon as those countries, notably in Asia, which still take silver as a standard of value, are full to saturation, when the value may be expected to drop to the bare cost of production, plus such advance as may be caused by the increased use of silver in the arts and manufactures which its lower cost is sure to bring about.* How soon the first of these contingencies will occur is of course a matter of speculation and what the latter amounts to we do not know, but it must be very much less than the present price. We shall look anxiously for the California papers which will be able to enlighten us on this point, as the subject is one of deep concern to their silver producers. As the production of gold is falling off while the demand for it is largely increasing, both for the purpose of currency and for use in the arts, the value of this metal may be expected steadily to rise until new sources of supply are discovered, to the manifest deterioration of all other produce and values. The immediate effect of the disturbance here is, and will be more and more, to raise the nominal or tael value (taking gold as our real standard) of Chinese produce, after which and more slowly, we may expect to see the Chinese pay higher prices for Pine Goods; at first Importers will try to save themselves from the exchange by taking their chance of remitting in produce, and hence we are inclined to predict a greater competition than ever for the new tea and silk. It may indeed be said that shippers have the matter in their own hands and that as, as yet, the fall in silver has not come home to the Chinese, we should reap the full advantage of buying their wares with a depreciated currency which the seller of the goods accepts at its original worth. And undoubtedly merchants should be able to reap this advantage, could they, without an actual combination, adopt a just understanding to be cautious and not raise prices. We fear though that, as hitherto, the advantage will be on the side of the native who will sell his produce dearer than ever without paying a corresponding advance on imports and that foreigners will fail to acquire that compensation which, under the circumstances, is their natural due.

A friend has favoured us with some interesting experiences of an afternoon walk, which we now reproduce for the benefit of the public generally, leaving them to judge whether or not the information we propose to give is worthy of their notice. Our informant was walking through the Chinese village at the back of the Horse Bazaar when he observed a man washing linen in the village pond. Approaching nearer, he discovered that the linen was of European make, and that the washerman was dressed from head to foot in underclothing of the same description. The gentleman uttered an involuntary "Hullo!" as he recognised the horrid fact, and the Chinaman, evidently helped to the conclusion through a guilty conscience, that this was the proprietor of the clothes, turned tail and fled precipitately. The foreigner gave chase and followed him into a large wash-house, where there were twelve others, all wearing Chinese shirts of excellent texture, cinglets, pyjamas and socks, belonging—it is impossible to say to whom. But the evil is a most abominable one. Diseases of the worst nature can be diffused all over the settlement; for who can say that his own underclothing is treated with greater respect? The thought of where one's cinglet may have been before it is returned to its proper owner is enough to make a man shudder in his clothes, and now that so glaring an instance has been discovered and exposed, we trust that the question will be promptly taken up by the Municipal police.

A sadly comic tragedy occurred at Peking the other day. There were two brothers, the younger of whom, being comparatively wealthy, lived inside the city; the elder, who was in most straitened circumstances, residing without the walls. The poorer of the two had contracted an unfortunate habit of perpetually borrowing money, which long threatened to bring about his total ruin; and very soon the smash came. His principal creditor was a terrible fellow, who threatened to take his life if he could not get his money; and poor Chao was in a sad quandary. At last he was brought to such a pass that there was nothing left for him to do except his wife, and from this there seemed no escape. The creditor was willing to compromise the debt, and an arrangement was come to; but Mrs. Chao not unreasonably objected. She said she would far prefer to strangle herself; but her husband thought that that would be a most unprofitable transaction for all parties, and tried to persuade her to be patient. The lady however was not to be so easily disposed of, and went to hold a consultation with the wife of her husband's wealthy brother in the city. "I think the best plan would be for me to come and stay with you a little while," said Mrs. Chao senior; "don't you?" "Certainly not!" replied the other, hastily—"why, the man would find you in no time"—which was perfectly true, and a most cogent argument, only the lady had other reasons for not desiring her sister-in-law's presence. "The best way will be for you to go and stay with your husband's mother," she resumed; and the pawned lady adopted the advice forthwith. But when the creditor came for her the next

afternoon there was a slight disturbance; for the bird had flown, and so had the bird's mate. Of course he stormed for a long while, and then enquired of the neighbours where his prey was most likely to be. They answered, in perfect good faith, at her sister-in-law's; and off he started to find her. Now Mrs. Chao junior was of a serious turn of mind, and much given to seeking spiritual guidance at the hands of a certain priest who visited her of an evening during her husband's absence; indeed so interesting were their conversations that it was frequently near morning before this ghostly person retired again to his monastery. Thus, it so fell out that when the creditor came thundering at the door, both priest and penitent were terribly alarmed; the lady fled precipitately, while her companion made one bound through an open door, sprang into an unoccupied bed and pretended to be fast asleep. In two minutes in burst the creditor with three or four strong coolies, who, concluding that the occupant of the guest-room must needs be the lady they were seeking, pounced upon the priest (it was pitch dark) and carried him away all swathed up in the bed-clothes, in a chair. When they arrived at home, however, and discovered the mistake, the priest had to pay for his part of the adventure with the soundest thrashing he had ever had in his life. Then his discomfiture was such, he thought, that he could never go back among his saintlier brethren; so he became a beggar and eventually died of starvation. Nor could his paramour—penitent, we mean—survive the shock; and she hanged herself forthwith. The obdurate creditor, seeing that he had caused the death of two innocent persons, also died, of fright; and the impecunious gentleman is borrowing away as merrily as ever, though he says he will never try to pawn his wife again!

A Nanking magistrate or inspector of police named Liu seems to have distinguished himself greatly in native estimation by his ingenious method of extorting confession from a criminal of peculiar treachery. For a long time the robber, a man named Meng-rh, had been the terror of the neighbourhood. His courage was only equal to his crimes; and during though he was, no single word of confession had ever been wrung from his lips. At last the head of the police department got him into his hands, and having secured his person set about making preparations for the necessary torture. These consisted simply in melting a small quantity of copper, which was to be poured over the criminal's flesh in case of obduracy. The responsibility of dealing with so noted a pest to society was not lost upon the officer, and he felt his reputation was at stake. So he commenced by asking him, in a pleasantly conversational style, whether he felt at all cold. "Rather," was the cool reply. "Have some wine?" asked Liu. The robber thought the doubt implied quite superfluous, but hinted that he preferred *hot-tea*. [This is a white or colourless spirit of excessive strength which is much drunk in the country; not the yellow wine commonly known to foreigners as samshu]. The refreshment was served, but the robber pulled a face and complained that it wasn't warm enough. "Pooh!" he said, contemptuously, "you fellows don't know to heat wine." Then with a significant glance at the pot of boiling metal on the stove, he deliberately took out two lumps of burning charcoal and placed them on his knees; thus holding the wine-cup over them till the wine was hot and the flesh of his legs all burnt. "You see," said he, "I don't mind pain. I know all about your molten copper. Not the slightest use, I assure you!" and then went on to talk of other matters. Poor Liu was simply nonplussed. "Look here," he said, to the extraordinary being in front of him—"I have pledged my honour to wring a confession out of you; you hold my rank and button in your hands. Torture, I see, will have no effect; I throw myself upon your charity!" This very novel appeal had the desired effect. "Liu," said the robber, "you are not a bad fellow, though you are not a success as a mandarin." He then confessed to having committed thirteen murders and said he did it to support his aged parents. The crime which was charged against him that day, however, he said he did not do; and if he confessed to that, somebody else would be confessing to that, and then Liu would get into trouble. The two thereupon became boon friends; and Liu is now looked upon as a perfect Solomon, while the robber was amicably decapitated the other day.

Japan.

(Japan Gazette.)

The Hon F. R. Plunkett of H. B. M.'s Legation has submitted to the Minister a very interesting report on the mines of Japan.

The *Echo du Japon* states that large numbers of deer have been killed, by order of the Japanese government, in the island of Yezo. The venison has been salted down, and packed in casks, and is destined for the consumption of the troops forming the Korean expedition.

The *Mainichi-shinbun* says, on the authority of a recent traveller in the Kagoshima-ken that everything there is carried on in conformity with old custom. The school buildings are very good, but pupils are not permitted to enter them. No newspapers are admitted into the *ken*. *Shohu* magazine that they alone are sufficient to subjugate Korea. If the Government should presume to interfere with the *ken* officials in their peculiar mode of administering the law, they will all resign their posts. Further, all the Kagoshima men are very fond of aloe preserved in sugar.

The following précis of the position in Japan is of interest.—This is the very dull season of the entire year, and this year it is, if exception could be taken in the case of one year against another, exceptionally dull. All the foreign merchants wear a gloomy look, and declare that the balance of trade for the past year has been against them. The committee of the Chinese Guild find that the traders of their nation in Japan have lost over two hundred thousand dollars. Retail traders are advertising clearance sales. The Korean affair is still unsettled; and at the time we write all sorts of conflicting rumours are afloat. The most recent one is that Korea has acceded to the demands of Japan, and expressed regret for the outrage in the Bay of Koko, saying that her officials in that locality had noidea that when they fired upon the *Unjokoku* they were firing upon a Japanese vessel. If this should turn out to be true, of course there will be no war. Japan, bent as her

amurai may be upon some sort of foreign expedition, will have no excuse for invading a country which expresses its willingness to make reparation for an insult. But it is none the less true that the warlike preparations which we noticed in our last have not been slackened. The War Department is employing tailors and saddlemakers, and buying rice and provisions for the troops of the expedition. Nothing definite has been received from the Envoy; and hence probably the inference that they have brought their negotiations to a peaceful termination. Whether Japan will be benefited or not by such a result is matter of opinion. She was forced by her internal difficulties to make this warlike demonstration; and probably the unquiet spirits of the empire, if they find that Corea complies with the demands of their Government will be tranquil for some years to come.

THE PLEASURES OF RINKING.

(Courier and Gazette.)

Some years ago a very good picture appeared in *Punch* representing two Londoners dining at a little country inn on a very windy day in the month of August. Not unaccountably, they demanded of the waiter some ice, as they seem to have shared the usual prejudice against warm champagne; and the contemptuous surprise of that worthy for the two Londoners was very comically expressed. "Dear me!" was his muttered comment, "ice in August! Anybody could see where they came from, to expect ice in the middle of summer!" But when the artist portrayed this undeniably clever sketch he would himself have been quite as much astonished as the country waiter had he been told that in a short time skating would have become a favourite summer recreation. Ice in summer and snow in harvest was a type of the incongruous and impossible in Solomon's time, and probably has been so ever since the flood; but the nineteenth century may lay claim to having overcome not only the obstacles of time and space by means of electricity and other natural phenomena, but absolutely rendered itself independent of the seasons for at least one delightful pursuit hitherto confined to winter and winter only.

The word "rink" appears to be of doubtful origin, though the most probable explanation of it is that it is first-cousin to the word ring, used in the sense of an arena. The fact of an analogous term figuring in the languages of nearly all cold countries favours this view, and it is difficult not to recognise the similarity between our English "rink" and the old Saxon *hring*, Friesland *hring*, Icelandic *hringr*, and provincial German *krink*, a "circle." Some people call it "rink," but this is doubtless a facetious allusion to the swan-like performances of the Pickwickian hero, Mr. Winkle. But whatever may be its etymology the word has received a cordial welcome into our language and will probably find a recognised place in all forthcoming dictionaries. Moreover, rinking, or skating, or whatever else it may be called, bids fair to have a longer life among us than any of its predecessors; and from all we are able to gather, with good reason, Croquet is gradually dying out. At its best, croquet was only popular with a certain section of those who played. The disagreeable infliction of being croqueted to some far-off, lonely corner of the lawn, the long, tedious "waits" if the game were a large one, and the amount of trouble and scientific accuracy required, all conspired to render it odious to half the players, who were consequently often victimised to the superior skill and energy of their opponents. Perhaps the entire world presents few drearier spectacles than that of two men dreading playing croquet together; and yet it was a sight not rarely seen by any means. Then again, grave doubts have been cast upon the healthiness of croquet. People used to stand waiting about for hours on damp grass, aimlessly hitting imaginary balls and keeping up a desultory chat-chit with their nearest neighbour while the moisture was striking through their thin-soled boots and sowing seeds of either violent colds, or rheumatism, or consumption. Besides, few persons really cared for the game as a game, and it was only occasionally, and under certain particularly favourable conditions that it was ever bearable. But rinking has the approval of all sections of the community, and is almost sure to live. In the first place there are no tedious periods of inaction; and secondly the free exercise of limb, the splendid circulation of blood which it promotes, the exhilarating sensations induced by the rapid passage through the air, and the animation inseparable from the scene itself, will all combine to ensure its lasting popularity. The "faculty" is distinctly in favour of it as recreation; any doctor will tell you that its action on the lungs and on the muscles is invigorating and healthy. The gay dresses of the ladies as they move with glistening grace over the surface of the rink, and the quaint manoeuvres of the more accomplished skaters and adepts on the "inside edge," the whirle and the figures, to say nothing of the occasional mischances, generally however of a description more comic than calamitous, all go to make up a scene which for *bisarrerie*, picturesque, and animation can hardly be equalled elsewhere. In fact the rink is the ball-room of the open air. It offers all the attractions of the evening dance, unobscured by any of its counteractions. For a hot, impure, unwholesome atmosphere, there are the fresh country breezes; instead of late hours, healthy exercise conducive to early retirement; in the place of gliding and gewgaws, the charms and beauties of nature. It is a great pity that skating is so modern an accomplishment, and that its principal historical associations are connected with Dutch skivvies skating with their eggs to market. One would have liked, for instance, to have been able to think of Horace as a skater; surely no outdoor accomplishment was ever more in consonance with intellectual culture. On such a day as some we have had lately, warm, genial and sunny, we can imagine the fastidious scholar lazily gliding over the rink in his own villa—when, on the first of March, immortalised by one of his most charming odes, he wrote to Maecenas:—

At ease about the public weal,
Be not too anxious for thine own;
With me a day of pleasure steal—
Let politics alone!

Ah! that was sensible advice; doubtless our representative at Peking has often wished he could avail himself of it. And on a day like this, and with so many other charming days with which we are blessed in this wicked world, we think that a skating-rink would prove a great addition to our resources. Paper-hunting is not without its merits; but that entails a pony, and a pony entails expense. Boating, yachting, croquet and racquets all tend to make life more endurable than it otherwise would be, no doubt; but these are all specialities, whereas had we only advanced so far in civilisation as to possess an artificial rink, there would be a

healthful and most fascinating recreation within reach of all. The prime cost would, we believe, be comparatively moderate, and we think that in the interest of the public weal an attempt should be made to emulate the example of our friends at home.

HONGKONG RACES, 1876.

FIRST DAY.

Thursday, 24th February, 1876.

The Race Meeting commenced to-day under the most favourable conditions as regards weather. Dry and cloudy, though not too chilly, it suited the visitors on and around the Grand and other Stands; while the desirable springiness of the Course was also maintained, ensuring good running ground for the ponies. To judge from the attendance of foreigners, it would seem that the Races still continue to attract many, spite of the relative lack of interest in mere pony-racing as compared with the old racing-days of Sir William, Exeter, and North Australian. There was a full average concourse on the Stands and in the ticket-holders' enclosure; while a goodly number of ladies appeared on the Grand Stand. Amongst these present were H. E. Sir Arthur and Miss Kennedy, Sir Harry and Lady Parkes, Sir John Smale, and many other leading residents. The assemblage of nondescript spectators and campaigning booths usually present at the Black Rock and within the Course palings was this year represented by but one or two tents; but as if to make up for this lack of the picturesque element, the hunted dog was more than usually prominent during the day. The Band of H. M.'s 28th Regt., under Mr Hurst, enlivened the proceedings with excellent music; and the events passed off very enjoyably. In justice to the Police, it must be said that the rule of the road, considering the circumstances, was very well kept. At the bend in front of No. 4 Station, where the road is not of the broadest, there was rather a "jam;" and the crush was unpleasant near the Eastern Market, where the vehicles appeared to converge; but every one seemed inclined to make allowances, especially for a first day.

The Hon. Mr Ryrie and Mr Coxon acted as starters, and Baron von Overbeck officiated as Judge.

The Cups were as usual displayed at the Grand Stand. Those competed for to-day—namely the Garrison Cup and the Ashley Cup—attracted attention. The first-named is a large and very handsome silver elated cup, with panther mounting, and silver to match—value \$300; while the Ashley Cup is an elegant silver-gilt vase, handsomely engraved and of chaste design, value \$150. A silver elated-jug and two goblets, beautifully chased, and of elegant design, was marked for the Parnes Cup; it is valued also at \$150, and was much admired. The beauty of the designs appears to keep pace with the excellence of the workmanship in these productions, and we should think Messrs Falconer & Co. maintain their reputation for good selections. Several of the cups are, we believe, not yet decided upon. The German Cup (of Bremen manufacture, supplied by Messrs Gaupp & Co.) is an exceedingly pretty table-centre-piece of silver, and is one of the handsomest pieces of workmanship we have seen for some time.

1.—THE WONG-WEI CHONG STAKES, for China, Manila and Japan Ponies. Weight for inches.—Entrance \$5 each, with \$75 from the Fund. Half-a-mile.

The entries were:—

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| 1. Mr St. Andrew's | b.k.o.p. Daylight |
| 2. Mr Skilton's | b.k.o.p. Pontiff |
| 3. Mr Greig's | w.o.p. Divided |
| 4. Mr Pye's | b.k.o.p. Coronet |
| 5. Mr Sydney's | b.k.o.p. Cherokee |
| 6. Mr Fokien's | b.k.o.p. Benachie |
| 7. Do. | b.k.o.p. Roubie |
| 8. Mr Paul's | b.k.o.p. Kreutzer |
| 9. Mr Brooke's | b.k.o.p. Ravenscote |
| 10. Mr Paul's and Mr Brooke's | b.k.o.p. Teenkwang |
| 11. Mr Moun's | b.k.o.p. Tallapoosa |
| 12. Do. | b.k.o.p. Sulky |
| 13. Mr Annfield's | w.o.p. Fleetwing |

Of the fourteen ponies entered, *Daylight*, *Coronet*, *Cherokee*, *Kreutzer*, and *Fleetwing* started. After several unsuccessful attempts, owing to the forward spirit of *Daylight*, a fair start was effected—*Daylight* having a slight lead. This, however, did not last long, for *Coronet*, who had been last, made his way to the front at the straight, and came to the post an easy winner.

<i>Coronet</i> ,	1
<i>Daylight</i> ,	2
<i>Kreutzer</i> ,	3

Time, 1 min. 13 sec.

2.—THE ASHLEY CUP, value \$150,—presented by F. D. Sassoon, Esq.—for China, Manila and Japan Ponies. Entrance \$5. Weight for inches. One mile.

The entries were:—

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| 1. Mr Cornabie's | b.k.o.p. Black Satin |
| 2. Mr Pye's | b.k.o.p. Scamp |
| 3. Mr Sydney's | b.k.o.p. Cherokee |
| 4. Mr Fokien's | b.k.o.p. Benachie |
| 5. Do. | b.k.o.p. Roubie |
| 6. Mr Paul's | b.k.o.p. Kreutzer |
| 7. Mr Brooke's | b.k.o.p. Ravenscote |
| 8. Mr Paul's and Mr Brooke's | b.k.o.p. Teenkwang |
| 9. Mr Moun's | b.k.o.p. Tallapoosa |
| 10. Do. | b.k.o.p. Sulky |
| 11. Mr Annfield's | w.o.p. Fleetwing |
| 12. Mr Hookmeyer's | b.k.o.p. Pegasus |

Benachie, *Teenkwang*, *Tallapoosa*, and *Pegasus* got away in good order, the first named getting slightly ahead in the first

few strides, and then running neck and neck with *Tallapoosa* for a short distance. *Teenkwang*, however, at the Bridge began to draw ahead, and at the Black Rock he was leading by two lengths, followed by *Tallapoosa* and *Benachie*. The race belonged to the favourite from this point; he kept the lead the whole way, and won in a canter. Coming up the straight *Benachie* challenged *Tallapoosa* for second place, and a smart run ensued; but the latter kept his place by a head.

<i>Teenkwang</i> ,	1
<i>Tallapoosa</i> ,	2
<i>Benachie</i> ,	3

Time, 2 min. 13½ sec.

3.—THE HONGKONG DERBY,—Sweepstakes of \$20 each, half forfeit if declared on or before day of closing Entries, with \$100 added for 1st Pony, and \$50 for 2nd. For all China Ponies, bona fide Griffins at date of Entry. First Pony, 70 per cent; Second, 20 per cent; Third, 10 per cent. Weight 10st. 7lbs. One-mile-and-a-half.

The entries were:—

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| 1. Mr St. Andrew's | b.k.o.p. Black Friar |
| 2. Do. | w.o.p. White Friar |
| 3. Do. | b.k.o.p. Grey Friar |
| 4. The Fairshon's | b.k.o.p. Skian-dhu |
| 5. Mr Henry's | b.k.o.p. Poisson d'Avril |
| | (late Sea Serpent) |
| 6. Mr Greig's | w.o.p. Dividend |
| 7. Mr Pye's | b.k.o.p. Pimento |
| 8. Mr Sydney's | b.k.o.p. Le Cerf Agile |
| 9. Mr Paul's and Mr Brooke's | b.k.o.p. Folly |
| 10. Mr Thomas's | b.k.o.p. Maharajah |
| 11. Mr Heinrich's | b.k.o.p. Griffin |
| 12. Mr Grammont's | b.k.o.p. Steamboat |

Eight ponies appeared, viz., *White Friar*, *Grey Friar*, *Skian-dhu*, *Poisson d'Avril*, *Pimento*, *Le Cerf Agile*, *Folly*, and *Steamboat*; but as *Grey Friar* threw his rider when getting on to the Course, only seven started. This was really a splendid race.

The ponies got away well together, and they kept together so that it was difficult to say who was leading until they got into the straight for the first round. *Poisson d'Avril* had a slight lead, closely followed by *Folly*, who first over-reached the temporary leader by a neck, and was in turn challenged by *Steamboat* and *White Friar*, *Steamboat* having inside place. At the Bridge *White Friar* gradually crept to the front, and in the ascent to the Black Rock he displayed superior strength, and pressing ahead in splendid style, he left everything behind and won easily. *Steamboat* took second place.

<i>White Friar</i> ,	1
<i>Steamboat</i> ,	2
<i>Folly</i> ,	3

Time, 3 min. 31 sec.

4.—THE GARRISON CUP, value \$300,—presented by W. R. Landstein, Esq.—for all China, Manila and Japan Ponies. Weight for inches. Four Ponies from opposing Stables to start or no Race. Winner of the Ashley Cup, 7 lbs. extra. Entrance \$10. One round.

The entries were:—

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| 1. Mr Andie's | b.k.o.p. Wild Oats |
| 2. Mr Sydney's | b.k.o.p. Cherokee |
| 3. Mr Fokien's | b.k.o.p. Benachie |
| 4. Do. | b.k.o.p. Roubie |
| 5. Mr Paul's | b.k.o.p. Kreutzer |
| 6. Mr Brooke's | b.k.o.p. Ravenscote |
| 7. Mr Paul's and Mr Brooke's | b.k.o.p. Teenkwang |
| 8. Mr Moun's | b.k.o.p. Tallapoosa |
| 9. Do. | b.k.o.p. Sulky |
| 10. Mr Annfield's | w.o.p. Fleetwing |

Cherokee, *Roubie*, *Teenkwang*, and *Fleetwing* came to the post, but a very indifferent start was effected. *Cherokee* would not or did not go, and *Roubie* was so much behind that he gave up soon after starting. *Teenkwang* and *Fleetwing* got away, but seemed in doubt whether or not the start was fair. *Teenkwang*, as expected, took the lead; and won with hands down. This race seems to have been regarded as a certainty for the favourite, and *Cherokee* only put in an appearance to make up the number required by the conditions of the race; but it is a pity that a better race did not result for so fine a cup.

<i>Teenkwang</i> ,	1
<i>Fleetwing</i> ,	2

Time, 2 min. 14½ sec.

5.—THE FOOSHOW CUP, value \$250,—presented by the Fooshow Community—for China, Manila and Japan Ponies. Weight for inches. Entrance \$5. Two miles.

The entries were:—

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| 1. Mr Cornabie's | b.k.o.p. Black Satin |
| 2. Mr Henry's | b.k.o.p. Furor |
| 3. Mr Andie's | b.k.o.p. Wild Oats |
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| 5. Mr Sydney's | b.k.o.p. Cherokee |
| 6. Do. | b.k.o.p. Le Cerf Agile |
| 7. Mr Fokien's | b.k.o.p. Benachie |
| 8. Do. | b.k.o.p. Roubie |
| 9. Mr Paul's | b.k.o.p. Kreutzer |
| 10. Do. | b.k.o.p. Silbergroschen |
| 11. Mr Brooke's | b.k.o.p. Ravenscote |
| 12. Mr Paul's and Mr Brooke's | b.k.o.p. Teenkwang |
| 13. Mr Moun's | b.k.o.p. Tallapoosa |
| 14. Do. | b.k.o.p. Sulky |
| 15. Mr Hookmeyer's | b.k.o.p. Pegasus |
| 16. Mr Paulkner's | b.k.o.p. Monitor |

Five started—*Black Satin*, *Furor*, *Kreutzer*, *Pegasus*, and *Monitor*. The first-named pony was the favourite, and he bore out the expectations formed of him. They got off pretty well together, *Kreutzer* being slightly in front when nearing the Black Rock, *Black Satin* began to draw ahead, but a doubtful position was kept up for some time. At the Rock, however, the favourite took a more decided lead, which he lengthened in the run to and up the straight, winning easily by a good length. *Furor* made a hard struggle to pass *Kreutzer*

but failed. *Pegasus* quite out of the race.

<i>Black Satin</i> ,	1
<i>Kreutzer</i> ,	2
<i>Furor</i> ,	3

Time, 4 min. 42½ sec.

6.—THE CLUB CUP, value \$150, for China, Manila and Japan Ponies, that have never won a Race (Canton Winners excepted) previous to this Meeting. Weight for inches. Entrance \$5. Three-quarters-of-a-mile.

The entries were:—

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| 1. Mr St. Andrew's | b.k.o.p. Daylight |
| 2. Do. | b.k.o.p. Black Friar |
| 3. Do. | w.o.p. White Friar |
| 4. Do. | b.k.o.p. Grey Friar |
| 5. The Fairshon's | b.k.o.p. Skian-dhu |
| 6. Mr Henry's | b.k.o.p. Poisson d'Avril |
| 7. Mr Greig's | w.o.p. Dividend |
| 8. Mr Pye's | b.k.o.p. Pimento |
| 9. Mr Sydney's | b.k.o.p. Le Cerf Agile |
| 10. Mr Paul's | b.k.o.p. Silbergroschen |
| 11. Mr Paul's and Mr Brooke's | b.k.o.p. Folly |
| 12. Mr Thomas's | b.k.o.p. Maharajah |
| 13. Mr Heinrich's | b.k.o.p. Griffin |
| 14. Mr Grammont's | b.k.o.p. Steamboat |
| 15. Mr Moun's | b.k.o.p. Pioneer |

The following ponies came to the post, viz., *Grey Friar*, *Dividend*, *Pimento*, *Folly*, *Maharajah*, *Griffin*, and *Pioneer*. They started well together, *Grey Friar* being last, about a length behind. *Pimento* had the lead, but *Grey Friar* crept gradually up in the run, and on reaching the Rock secured second place; *Pimento* at the same time gradually losing ground. It was evident by this time that the race was *Grey Friar's*, and he soon came to the front, winning by a length. *Pimento* appeared pretty sure of second place, but on passing the Matchless *Folly* came close on his heels and passed him, *Pimento* only securing a good third place.

<i>Grey Friar</i> ,	1
<i>Folly</i> ,	2
<i>Pimento</i> ,	3

Time, 1 min. 41 sec.

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